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SUBJECT: UNESCO MEETING ON MASS MEDIA PRINCIPLES DECLARATION

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- 1. MARCH 12 SESSION OF SUBJECT MEETING INDICATES THAT AN AMENDED DRAFT DECLARATION WILL BE AGREED UPON ULTIMATELY BY EXPERTS WHO, WITH EXCEPTION OF SALANS, HAVE INDICATED ACCEPTANCE OF CONCEPT THAT DECLARATION OF ETHICAL MASS MEDIA PRINCIPLES, AS DISTINCT FROM BINDING CONVENTION. IS NOT HARMFUL.
- 2. SALANS INTERVENTIONS BASED ON DEPARTMENT'S GUIDELINES HAVE RECEIVED FULL AND DETAILED DISCUSSION IN PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED WITH EMINENT FAIRNESS BY KENYAN CHAIRMAN (KANGWANA).
- 3. HOWEVER CANADIAN (GRANT) AND U.K. (JONES) EXPERTS HAVE NOTABLY FAILED TO SUPPORT SALANS INTERVENTIONS AND INDEED HAVE, ON POINTS SUCH AS ARTICLE 5 RE DISSEMINATION OF PRO-APARTHEID VIEWS, URGED LANGUAGE HARDER THAN THAT IN ORIGINAL DRAFT. BOTH ARE ACTING IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FULLY PRIVATE CAPACITY AND HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT CONTACTED RESPECT-

TIVE UNESCO PERMDELS ACCORDING THESE DELOFFS. SALANS AND DELOFF HAVE HAD CONVERSATION WITH BOTH THE CANADIAN AND U.K. EXPERTS AND THEY HAVE NOT AGREED WITH U.S. RESERVATIONS ABOUT DECLARATION

- 4. THEREFORE SALANS ESSENTIALLY ISOLATED AND WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT OTHER EXPERTS IN RAISING OBJECTIONS. "OBSERVER" REPRESENTATIIVES OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCAST INSTITUTE (D'ARCY) AND ESPECIALLY INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF JOURNALISTS (BOGAERTS) HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN RE CERTAIN ASPECTS OF DECLARATION BUT THEY OF COURSE LACK INFLUENCE AS NON-PARTICIPANTS.
- 5. MARCH 12 SESSION REACHED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON SECRETARIAT'S TOTAL REVISION OF DRAFT DECLARATION PREAMBLE, BUT FINALLY AMENDED TEXT NOT YET AVAILABLE. WHILE REVISION DOES NOT MEET ALL OF U.S. CONCERNS, SALANS FEELS IT SUBSTANTIALLY BETTER THAN ORIGINAL PREAMBLE.
- 6. MARCH 12 SESSION ALSO CONSIDERED ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 5 BUT WITHOUT REACHING AGREEMENT. CONSIDERAPION DEFERRED ON ARTICLES 1 AND 4. NEW TEXT INTEGRATING ARTICLES 2 AND 3 WILL BE CONSIDERED TODAY.
- 7. SHARP DIFFERENCES APPARENT ON ARTICLE 5. SALANS HAS REPEATEDLY STATED THIS ARTICLE UNACCEPTABLE TO U.S. U.K. AND CANADIAN HAVE NOT SUPPORTED OUR POSITION AS CITED IN PARA 2. ABOVE.
- 8. SOVIET EXPERT (KOSSOV) HAS STRESSED THIS ARTICLE "ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT" AND ASKED TIME TO CONSIDER SECRETARIAT COMPROMISE PROPOSAL.
- 9. SALANS FEELS DEVELOPING SITUATIONIS CLASSIC NEGOTIATING DILEMMA. AS IT LIKELY TEXT WILL BE PRODUCED, HE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE RE WHETHER (A) TO CONTINUE PRESSING FOR LEAST HARMFUL WORDING, WHICH HAS BEEN REASONABLY SUCCESSFUL SO FAR, AND VOTE AGAINST FINAL RESULT MAKING STRONG STATEMENT RE U.S. RESERVATIONS OR (B) TOTALLY DIVORCE U.S. FROM ON GOING DRAFTING PROCEDURE.
- $10.\,$ SALANS WOULD RECOMMEND THAT HE CONTINUE TO SEEK LEAST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OBJECTIONABLE WORDING WHILE AT SAME TIME CONTINUING REGISTER U.S. RESERVATIONS.

- 11. PERMDEL FEELS SALANS DOING OUTSTANDING JOB IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES AND WOULD RECOMMEND COURSE CITED PARA 10.
- 12. DOCUMENTS INCORPORATING AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS SO FAR WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO DEPARTMENT UPON RECEIPT TODAY.

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